



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region #

Meeting Date: June 23, 2008

Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS

Council Members Present:

Sayward Carolin-Salazar	Gene Sanford
Kelly Persinger	Judge Dan Pflum
Judge Mary Willis	Vickie Jones
Terry Suttle	Jennifer Munden
Bill Ammerman	

Council Members Absent:

Annette Craycraft	Judge Matt Cox
Karen Bower	

Others in Attendance:

Jon Bennett	Mark Munchel
Michael Fleming	Carl Scheib
Jenai Tidwell	Tracy Jefferson
Susan Lightfoot	Dawa Burns
Sam Smith	

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:30pm

1. Welcome and Introductions:

2. Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:

Carl handed out new data regarding number of referrals and direct service, and funding. Carl discussed how funds are used and how Children's Bureau is not giving money out to families who do not participate in services. He stated that they are being very "frugal" with the money they do give to families. Carl also stated that during Community Partners steering committee meetings it was brought up that there are many new workers in the region and not everyone is sure what Community Partners is and how to use the programming. He stated that he would be willing to come and speak to new workers to explained Community Partners. Carl asked if people have good touch bad touch programming in their communities and asked if there is a need for it. Bill Ammerman expressed a need in Fayette County. Mike Flemming

discussed older programs in Henry County. The committee agreed that they would like more information regarding bringing the program to the region. Funding from IYI was suggested. Carl stated that he would bring more information to the next meeting.

2. Practice Reform:

As of July 1 everyone, with the exception of a few, will be trained as facilitators for Child and Family Team Meetings. Region 12 is very close to the 12 and 17 guidelines set by the state. The meaning to 12 and 17 was explained. Vickie stated that she is receiving positive feedback from the CFTM. Vickie has been in contact with M.B. Lipold regarding training for judges and lawyers regarding CFTM. Region 12 will be training for the next set of CFTM skills in September in Nashville, IN. Vickie also announced that there is a new Deputy Director of Field Operations, Dave Judkins.

3. Legislative Changes:

July 1, 2008 many changes will take place. Big changes include IA's (Informal Adjustments) will no longer be able to be extended to year; they may only be extended for 3 more months. The DCS will not longer perform step-parent adoption, and private adoption home studies. The DCS will only be allowed to perform home studies on adoptions of children who are WARDS of the state.

4. Draft Protocol:

New Membership guidelines were discussed. Mike Flemming will fill in for Gene Sanford after he retires on July 1, 2008. He will then step down to allow the new Rush County director to be a member of the council. Bill Ammerman is the new FCM supervisor on the council. When Jennifer Munden leaves in October Jackie Reed from Wayne County will take her place. The council needs: 2 licensed foster parents (Frank Paddock from Fayette County has been approached), one more FCM, prosecuting attorney or appointee, and one child and parent member. Vickie stated that a letter has been sent out asking that the prosecuting attorney's in the regions decide among themselves who they would like to have serve on the council. Vickie also stated that Judges can allow a proxy to represent them. Meeting need to be held at least quarterly. The council will need to develop and early intervention plan that may be combined with the child protection plan. The First plan needs to be submitted on even number years in February, therefore the first one will be due in February of 2010. Vickie asked if there were any questions or concerns with the RSC protocol draft. Judge Pflum was concerned that the wording regarding selection of youth did not involve input from probation.

A discussion was held regarding concerns with the new changes and the guidelines for probation regarding case plans and their inability to access ICWIS.

5. Next Meeting:

August 11, 2008 at 3:30 PM. Judge Pflum suggested that due to the size of the council increasing and the size of the DCS conference room the meeting be held at the court house, in the conference room next to the prosecutor's office. Vickie will reserve the room. The next meeting will be held on the first floor of the Fayette County Court house.

6. Other issues and Concerns:

Judge Pflum is concerned that probation was not included in the scoring of the IV-B proposals. He believes that probation needs to have more input in the selection process of the proposals. Terry Suttle stated that there was an open invitation for people to review the proposals. Many suggested that we have more contact with probation during the next round of proposals. One issue raised was the need for all contracted providers need to meet the state services standards. The group wanted more clarification regarding the need for all agencies to meet the service standards. Vickie will also check to see if only state employees can review the proposals.

Mike Flemming would like to invite the gatekeepers for DDARS and the mental health community to the meeting to share information.

7. Public Comment:

None

8. Next Meeting:

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Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: August 11, 2008 3:30pm

First floor Fayette county court house, conference room.

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:40 pm